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Housing Board Picks Legal Aid, Cracks Down On Property Abuses

Selection of legal counsel, the problem of houses left in damaged condition, and the personnel situation were the principal subjects under consideration by the directors of Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation at their meeting Monday night.

The directors were joined by the new general manager, Paul M Campbell, following his first day on the job.

After an hour-long executive session, announcement was made that Abe Chasanow, Greenbelt attorney, had been engaged to handle local and future contractual agreements. Krooth and Altman were signed to continue negotiations with Public Housing Administration, Peoples Development Corporation, Suburban Trust Company, and the Office of Rent Stabilization.

The board voted to instruct its legal department to take stringent measures to collect damages from people who vacate Greenbelt houses, leaving them in bad condition. Cases of malicious destruction have been reported in the last two weeks. Several houses were paint-streaked inside, littered inside and out with garbage, and otherwise defaced.

The schedule under which the GVC maintenance staff has been operating is on its way from an "emergency" to a normal operation according to Nat Shinderman, personnel committee chairman. Staff vacancies occurring during the transition period are now almost all filled. The following positions, however, are still open: procurement agent (male); storekeeper-typist (male); clerk-typist on a part-time basis; plasterers, heating engineers, oil burner mechanics, ground-keepers and custodians

The announcement that ORS would have a public rent hearing in Greenbelt January 21 was not discussed by the board. It was learned, however, that 376 complaints had been turned in to ORS.

The business office announced that there were at present eight vacancies in old Greenbelt and none in new; that there was a fast-moving waiting list of sixty families anxious to move into Greenbelt homes at once.

What Goes On

Saturday, January 17 - NCJW annual dinner, 8:30 p.m. Call 2716 for information.

Sunday, January 18 - Thursday Night (women's) bowling league meets at bowling alley.

Monday, January 19 - City Council meets, 8 p.m., city office.

Tuesday, January 20 - Community Church family inaugural party, 7:30 p.m., church social hall.

Wednesday, January 21 - Public hearing on rents, 8 p.m., community building. League of Women Voters at home of Mrs. Herbert Hertz, 45-T Ridge, 8:30 p.m. Sixteenth annual meeting of Greenbelt Credit Union, room 202 over drugstore, 9 p.m.

Polio Parade

The Mother's March on Polio will be held on Wednesday, January 28, from 7 to 8 p.m. Let's all help to make this drive a success as last year. Any mother willing to help canvass her court for that hour please contact Mrs. Christopher Mullady, Chairman, GR. 3-8581. Truman Riddle Navy Wives Club No. 59.

Annual Joint Meeting Of 3 PTAs Hears Specialist Discuss Eye Care

By Miriam G. Johnson

Spotting of camouflaged areas in World War II by color-blind individuals was one of many interesting points made by ophthalmologist Dr. Elbert W. Dodd, Jr. Tuesday night at the annual PTA meeting, this year held at the North End School. Members from the Greenbelt Junior High School and Center Schools were present a the meeting. Dr. Dodd is on Episcopal Hospital's staff.

Mrs. William Haward Hunt president of the North End PTA, presented Principal Thelma Smith as her co-hostess. Also introduced were Center School's principal Miss Hannah Long and PTA president Mrs. George A. Kuster, and the Junior High School's principal Allan Chotiner and PTA president Arthur Sorrell.

Eye Cups

After a showing of the British film "Your Eyes," Dr. Dodd enlarged on the facts illustrated therein and brought many of them up to date. "Many children," according to Dr. Dodd, "need not be presented with glasses and told to wear them continuously."

Eye strain, he stated, is more prevalent with far-sighted children who are prone to strain a stronger eye, not using the weaker one sufficiently. Frequently what this type of case needs is a patch on the better-fit optic in order to give more exercise to the weaker eye.

Also he stated that crossed eyes are not immediately worked on in order to improve sight directly, but rather to improve the teamwork of the pair of eyes. In nearsightedness it was explained that light rays focus too quickly due to the long shape of the eye, whereas in farsightedness light rays do not focus quickly enough due to the shortness of the eye.

Start Early

Examination of the eyes need not be made before the child is five years of age, according to Dr Dodd, because of its tentative development up to that time. Crossed eyes before this age need not be a serious condition. Color recognition sometimes begins at four years of age. In adults, color-blindness is 8 or 9 times more frequent in men than in women.

Children should hold reading matter approximately fourteen inches in front of them and should be sitting upright with a good light on the book at hand. However, Dr. Dodd stated that reading in bed is not as serious as considered heretofore.

In his opinion, television viewing is just as much an effort for the eyes — but no more so — than other close application of the sight. He stated that the purpose of a soft light in the room is more for the quick recovery of the pupils after a session of viewing than for any particular reason at the time of watching TV. Home-work should be done before TV is watched, so

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Board Retains Veep, Votes Nightly Curfew At Tobacco Shop

Quoting Mark Twain's remark that rumors of his demise "were greatly exaggerated", Vice-President William Arntz was welcomed back by the board of directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services Friday night at the Takoma Park store after an absence dating from the meeting of November 14. He is one of two Takoma Park representatives on the nine-man board.

Current issue of the co-op's newsletter, received this week in Greenbelt, carried a note of Arntz' "resignation" and stated that the board would again be faced with the problem of interim replacement, till the election at next April's annual meeting. Arntz asked that a correction be made in the next newsletter.

The misunderstanding apparently arose from a statement by Arntz that the pressure of personal business might prevent him from attending future board meetings but he has since decided to serve out his term of office.

Public business, preceding an executive session which lasted into the wee hours, included reports from the general manager and committees.

On the joint recommendation of Greenbelt's chief of police and city manager, the board voted to lock the outer door of the tobacco shop at the close of business each night, rather than leave the front section of the shop open as has been the practice for some years.

The front of the shop, formerly a waiting-room for passengers when Greenbelt had a night bus service, also contains a pay telephone and a cigarette vending machine.

Repeated vandalism and abuse of facilities in the enclosure led to the official suggestion that it be locked the store closes.

Emergency telephone calls may be handled at the police station. General Manager Sam Ashelman stated, and other arrangements will have to be made for smokers who find themselves without supplies after the store closes.

Campbell To Address Navy Wives Club

First public appearance of GVHC's new manager, Paul M Campbell, will be his address at the installation of officers of the Truman Riddle Navy Wives Club. The ceremony will take place at the home of Mrs. Herbert Faulconer, 20-F Crescent, at 8:30 p.m Wednesday evening, January 21.

Officers to be installed are: Mrs. James K. O'Neill, president; Mrs. Kenneth C. Wiram, vice-president and secretary; Mrs. Harry Grant, treasurer; Mrs. Andrew V. Davis, chaplain-parliamentarian.

Installing officer will be Mrs Christopher Mullady, a former president of the local Navy Wives. Other guests will include Mrs. Evelyn Andea, northeast regional director of the national Navy Wives and Mrs. Virginia Norgorden, editor of the Navy Wives News Magazine.

Northwestern Marches

The Senior High School Band of Northwestern High School has been chosen to represent the State of Maryland in the Inauguration Parade on January 20.

ORS Area Director Sets Public Hearing For 370 Rent Protestors

By I. J. Parker

A public hearing on the rent increase will be held in Greenbelt on January 21 at 8 p.m. in the community building, it was announced last Monday by Harry L. Barker, area director for rent stabilization. The hearing was granted after about 370 complaints were received by the ORS from Greenbelt residents. Barker, admitting receiving "numerous complaints", met with representatives of the national ORS office last Monday and the decision to hold a public hearing was announced following the meeting.

The large protest mailing was a result of a semi-organized campaign in Greenbelt by many local citizens. Postal cards were mimeographed and distributed for signing and mailing. None of those involved would act as a spokesman for the group; most of them stated it was not an "organized" movement.

The hearing opens once more the question of the propriety of granting an increase in rents. It is recognized by most community leaders that the increase was needed to make the sale of Greenbelt homes to Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation a financially-feasible venture. Almost all of the protests were mailed by non-buyers of homes under GVHC. Without the rent increase, members of GVHC voted to forbid the consummation of the purchase.

Barker explained to the Cooperator reporter that he was unable to acknowledge protests from residents on the rent increase because of a limited staff. He expressed disappointment that none of the Greenbelt residents came to his office in person to discuss the rent situation. However, he welcomed the public hearing as an opportunity to meet Greenbelters and to personally discuss the rent problem.

According to another informed source, the hearing will open with Barker introducing the attorneys for ORS. An explanation of the law which permitted the increase would be presented along with the conditions met to comply with the law. Then, questions from the residents would be considered and answered if possible. No change in the decision is likely, the source disclosed, and no impartial group hearing both the lawyers' side and the residents' case will be present.

He insisted that the hearing was primarily called to permit a full explanation of the rent increase When asked what method was best for those wishing to appeal his decision, Barker suggested that the group work together through the proper legal channels; to hire a lawyer if necessary. No individual cases of the 370 protesting residents could possibly be processed because of his limited staff. He outlined several methods of appealing, the last one involving a judge appointed by the President to handle such cases.

Credit Union Holds 16th Annual Meeting

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be held in the business office of the Credit Union, room 202 over the drug store, at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21.

President Joseph Comproni will report on activities during the past year; treasurer John Maffay will report on the organization's financial status; important policies will be reviewed; and elections of four directors, a credit committee, and a supervisory committee will be held.

Shareholdings in the credit union, which represent savings of its 687 members, amount to $70,124. The 312 loans made during the past year, ranging in amount from $25 to $2,300, amounted to $123,500, of which $81,600 is outstanding. Earnings are sufficient to permit a 4% dividend to shareholders, which, it is expected, the board will recommend to the membership.

Membership in the credit union is open to all residents of Greenbelt, or anyone employed here. Refreshments will be served and a door prize awarded after the business session of the meeting.

Betty Harrington Leads Group

A round dozen members of the three local PTA's attended the second in a series of study groups at the Center school last Monday night to hear former mayor and prominent Greenbelter Betty Harrington lead the discussion about "teaching our children responsibility."

Drawing on her own experiences with her family and on her work with young people and the available literature, Mrs. Harrington emphasized the importance of "sound" parental character and "the sort of comradely family life which would encourage a child's natural desire to emulate his parents."

"Children like to grow up," Mrs. Harrington pointed out, and "a combination of high standards and sympathetic criticism" is likely to keep that feeling healthy and strong.

Every child in the family ought to have some responsibility commensurate with his age and temperament, Mrs. Harrington suggested. She said that five-year-olds could begin to assume simple jobs such as the one her own youngster began with—taking out the milk bottles.

During her talk and in discussion afterward, many mothers present were interested in the allowance problem. It was generally agreed that allowances, to be effective maturing agents, ought to be given independently of work performed and ought to increase as the child grows older.

The study was adjourned early to enable those who wished to do so to attend the mental health movies being sponsored by the Cooperative Nursery School elsewhere in the building.

Nursery School Takes New Registrations

The Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School voted at its last meeting to add another session to the one now in operation in order that as many parents as possible may benefit from its program.

If enough children are enrolled by January 28, then the school will start its two sessions February 1. Any child who was at least three years old and had not reached five on December 31, 1952 may be enrolled. Tuition for this equipped, accredited school, run by the parents and taught by the trained Mrs. Ruth Bowman, is $8.50 a month.

Parents wishing to enter their children are asked to phone Mrs. Sonia Garin at 2771 or Mrs. Anita Bickford at 5221 for further details and information.

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Let's Set Our Own Rate

Too often in the past, Greenbelt has come out on the short end of the stick—only to rouse itself after it is too late. Another critical moment has arrived, and unless we take immediate action now we won't even have the short end. According to a letter from Potomac Electric Power Company to the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation, "'Greenbelt geographically lies outside our Urban Rate Zone, as presently authorized by the Maryland Public Service Commission. Consequently, the rates to be applied in the city, initially at least, will be those applicable in our present Suburban Rate Zone."

"Initially at least," in other words, means that they'll go ahead and charge the higher rate and then consider the lower rate. We would much prefer the opposite. We don't know when the suburban rate was established by PSC for Greenbelt, but we suspect it was long before Greenbelt was built. Surely the rate did not matter when the federal government purchased the electric power wholesale before the sale of Greenbelt. It is imperative that PSC be made aware of the fact that there is a community of 1800 dwellings here now, and that we deserve the urban rate. Now is the time for GVHC board members, the city council, and all interested parties to petition PSC for a hearing on the rate, and not LATER—when the suburban rate is established "initially at least."

We assume that the suburban rate is higher because of added expenses involved in extending lines to distribute power to widely-separated dwellings in rural areas. Just the reading of meters alone from one farmhouse to another is time-consuming and expensive. That situation simply does not exist in Greenbelt, and we cannot see *any* justification for a suburban rate here.

Apparently Pepco is aware of this also; its letter continues " . . . apart from certain other problems which are inherent in the situation, we recognize that special considerations, such as the population density of Greenbelt, may make proper an extension of the urban zone to include the city. We are giving all aspects of the matter serious consideration and you may be sure that we will advise you promptly as to the decision which we reach."

Permitting Pepco to reach such an important decision alone is folly. The Public Service Commission must be reached by GVHC and the council as soon as possible, so that their influence will have some bearing on Pepco's decision. .

Letters To The Editor

The rent increase was granted to PHA on a showing to the satisfaction of the Office of Rent Stabilization that the operating expenses of Greenbelt justified an increase in rent under the law. GVHC will not be able to make a profit under the rent increase, which is only sufficient to insure adequate income from which to pay the expenses of the Corporation.

The effect of the rent increase with respect to GVHC members is that they will not have to pay higher rents than their neighbors to make up a deficit which would result if the rent for non-members were less than the monthly payments of the members. Otherwise, GVHC members would be paying their neighbor's rent.

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My Daze

MANY OF US SEEM TO BE SHOCKED by the current prospect of paying for electricity under an individual-meter system. Townsmen are heatedly demanding more light on the subject, wanting to know how much, if anything, this will add to the monthly costs already estimated by the Housing Corporation. There is, as yet, no answer, for this will depend on which rates are applied, and on the individual consumption. What IS certain is that from now on Greenbelt householders will be more switch-conscious than during the past fifteen years, when there were no electric bills to pay each month. This particular family has already reached the point where the children nag mommy and daddy to close lights in empty rooms.

I'M REMINDED OF GRANDFATHER'S FAVORITE story: A Scotsman, visiting his friend for a chat, was surprised when the lights were turned out right after he arrived, and he asked why. "We can talk in the dark just as well." his host explained. The host was astonished in turn to discover that his guest was undressing, and asked the reason for that. The guest replied, "If we're to sit in the dark, why wear out the seat of my pants for nothing?"

WHEN DADDY SLEEPS LATE (which sometimes happens) the children call him a bedbug.

— DAISY

Church Invites All To Inaugural Party

Members and friends of Community Church are invited to an Inaugural Party in the Church Social Hall on Tuesday evening, January 20, beginning at 7:30. Games and refreshments will be available for everyone of all ages. Mrs. Phyllis Bingham, chairman of the parish life committee, assures us there will be "cokes' and donuts aplenty (at cost). Mrs. Carnie Harper, chairman of the Women's Council, guarantees that the recreation committee (Bruce Bowman, Mrs Elizabeth Love, Lloyd Moore, Mrs. Thelma Elder, Bev and Lucille Fonda) will offer a varied program of games to interest everyone.

There will be circle games square games, and even some color film of the Church Family Camp shown by Bev and Lucille Fonda. Decorations in keeping with the Inaugural theme will be arranged under the leadership of James Smith. However, this is a strictly "non-political" party, and citizens of all political persuasions and/or none are invited to forsake the television sets and enjoy an old-fashioned evening of relaxation, fun, and fellowship.

The evening will close with the singing of "America" and a prayer for the people and the government of the nation.

Lutheran Church Enrolls Pre-Schoolers

There is another kindergarten now in progress in Greenbelt. It is operated by the Lutheran Church in the new church building located at 22 Ridge Road. There are accommodations for fifteen children due to recent transfers. Any child of kindergarten age may be enrolled on or before January 26.

Each session will be limited to twenty pupils. The building has radiant heat and modern play area.

Now in session, the kindergarten is conducted by Miss Audrey Graunke, teacher of Chicago, Ill. who has had special training in kindergarten work. She may be contacted by phoning 3704 after 4 p.m.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN

Robert E. Jones, Vicar

Saturday, January 17 - 11 a.m., Junior Choir Rehearsal.

Sunday, January 18 - 9:45, Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. Classes for all ages. 11 a.m., Divine Worship. Sermon by the Vicar on Matthew 17, 1-9, "The Transfiguration." Nursery maintained during worship. 3:30 p.m., Walther League at the Drop-inn. 4 p.m., Sunday School Teachers' Association meets at Trinity, 4th and E., N.W. for a business meeting. 5 p.m., Lay Conference on Evangelism at Trinity Lutheran Church, 4th and E., N.W. Pastor Ressmeyer, president of the Southeast District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod will speak on "Evangelism in the Church Today." There will also be section conferences. Supper will be served at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, January 20 - 8 p.m., Voters' Meeting.

Wednesday, January 21 - 8 p.m., Senior Choir Rehearsal.

INVEST WISELY—BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

CHOIR, SOLOISTS PERFORM MESSIAH

By Maestro

Local music lovers were given a special treat Sunday night. A 25-voice Chancel Choir of the Community Church, directed and accompanied by Elizabeth Goetze, sang portions of Handel's Messiah in a thoroughly delightful and professional manner.

From the opening bars for organ to the rousing enthusiasm of the Hallelujah Chorus, the music moved freely and with clarity of form. The chorus handled their assignment with feeling and displayed a knowledge of the technical requirements of this difficult and rewarding oratorio.

Handel's fugal style was well-expressed by the choir in such choruses as "And the Glory of the Lord," "For unto us a Child is Born," and, of course, the Hallelujah Chorus, which was greeted by the congregation in the traditional manner of standing throughout its rendition.

The soloists displayed a great deal of enthusiasm for their work, if somewhat lacking in technical accomplishments. Ken Keeney tenor, exhibited a pure, accurate tone in his rendition of "Comfort ye, my people" although a little deficient in robustness and roundness. George Timmerman, bass achieved a tranquil quality in "But Who may abide" and handled the runs in "Thus Saith the Lord" fairly well in spite of a little breath trouble. Mike Littleton, bass, encountered the same problems in "The People that Walked in Darkness," which covers a wide range for a bass voice. Velma Chapman, contralto, and Edna White, soprano, handled "He shall feed His flock" very beautifully Both parts start fairly high for the particular voice range and were accomplished with feeling and understanding. All soloists exhibited good stage presence and established a rapport with the congregation.

Miss Goetze and the choir are to be congratulated on an excellent first performance of Handel's Messiah in Greenbelt. The hope is that future years may see a broadening of the choir on a community-wide basis so that all local talent may have a chance to participate in a work which knows no limitations in its message.

GIVE TO THE MARCH OF DIMES

HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi C. H. Waldman

Services will be held in the social room of the Greenbelt Center School Friday evening at 8 p.m. Candlelighting time 4:45 p.m.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Confessions: Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 for children and in the evening from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for adults.

Sunday: Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Nursery care for preschool children during the 11 a.m Mass. Children attending public schools, both grade and high, are requested to be present for the 8:30 Mass and to attend the religious instruction period immediately following. This is Holy Communion Sunday for all children of the Parish.

Baptisms: Sunday, 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to have a baby baptized should notify Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

Wednesday: Novena Services followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m.

St. Hughs Considers Installations of CYO

St. Hugh's Parents Guild held its second meeting of the season Tuesday, January 13, in the school hall. The sisters were in their classrooms between 8 and 8:30 for conferences with the parents.

The meeting was called to order by Andrew O'Connell, president, after a short prayer by Sister Rita Cascia, principal. Rev. Victor Dowgiallo, spiritual director, spoke a few words of welcome to all the parents.

Attendance prize was won by the second- and third-graders in Sister Cornelius' room.

Paddy Kane of St. Jerome's Hyattsville, spoke on the subject of the Catholic Youth Organization giving a brief explanation of its four-point program for Catholic youth - spiritual, cultural, social and athletic. A discussion followed on the advisability of its installation at St. Hugh's. A committee was appointed to study the question further, with particular attention at this time to the possibility of forming athletic units of the junior boys and girls for softball and basketball. O'Connell asked anyone who feels he can serve on this committee to please contact him.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

C. R. Strausburg, Minister

Sunday, Jan. 18 - 9:30 a.m., Session of the Sunday School with Richard Hoffman, superintendent, presiding. Classes for all ages. 11 a.m., worship service with sermon by the pastor. Nursery provided for the children during the worship hour. Special music by the Junior and Senior Choirs.

Monday, Jan. 19 - Methodist Men will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoffman, 4-H Crescent, at 8 p.m. Men of the congregation are urged to be present.

Wednesday, Jan. 21 - 8 p.m., The monthly meeting of the Official Board will meet in the Church on Woodland Way. These meetings are important and all officials of the Church are urged to be present.

COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Eric T. Braund, Minister

Sunday, Jan. 18 - Church School as follows: 9 a.m., Primary and Nursery; 10 a.m., Juniors through Adults; Men's Bible Class; Fidelis Bible Class; 11 a.m., Kindergarten, Beginners, and Nursery. 8 and 11 Morning Worship. Sermon by Mr Braund - "Making the Desert Bloom."

Tuesday, Jan. 20 - Family Night Inaugural Party, 7:30, church social hall.

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Ronca Rehearsed Beats The Band Caruso Re-elected

Under the leadership of Mike Ronca, Northwestern band conductor, the Greenbelt Community Band held one of its largest and most successful rehearsals last Monday night. Four former members, Jerry Cooley, Louis Meade, Bob Balmer and Ronald Taylor, returned after a long absence; and four Northwestern and one Junior High instrumentalists swelled the ranks. Aproximately 38 musicians were present and put on a record performance, including songs from the Gilbert & Sullivan repertoire.

At a meeting held simultaneously in another room at the Center school Band parents re-elected Vincent Caruso unanimously as their president. Vice-president J. W. Taylor, Treasurer Mrs. M. Malden, Secretary Mrs. A. Cusick, Librarian Mrs. J. W. Taylor and Beginners band secretary Mrs. W. Chavrid were all elected unanimously to their offices. A manager is needed for the 24 Majorettes who rehearse every Tuesday night between 7 and 8 p.m. Applications are now being received by new board members for this position and others in which parents can lend a helping hand.

Last week's **Cooperator** carried in an erroneous headline the information that Mike Ronca had been selected as the community band leader. "Mr. Ronca is appearing as Guest Conductor for this month only, as originally planned," president Caruso said this week. "However, a big majority of the parents present at the last meeting expressed the desire, as well as a spokesman for the band members, to retain Mr. Ronca for at least six months. . . . I'm sure the committee appointed to select the new band director will be greatly influenced by the majority of the parents and members of the band, and that an effort will be made to comply with their wishes."

Band rehearsals are held in the Center school auditorium every Monday night. Onlookers and new members are invited to attend. Nine applications have been received since January 5 and several instruments are still available Boys and girls from 9-18 years old are invited to ask Band officers for information about instruments and the nominal fees.

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the eyes will not be too weary for studying.

Sight-Saving

In a quick-speaking style that made each statement pertinent and easily understandable, Dr. Dodd finished his talk with a description of some of the sight aids in the sight-saving class in the 43rd St School in Hyattsville, which he instigated.

Children who cannot do normal school work are here given the use of books with enlarged type. Lights are shaded and rooms painted in unreflecting materials. The class uses a globe having raised outlines of countries and the names can be written in and erased so children can learn to identify geographical shapes.

Two typewriters with oversize type are used in the room. The Lion's Club was given credit for helping him start the class, as Dr. Dodd said lack of space had delayed an earlier start for the sight-saving class.

On February 6 an ordinance will be introduced to prohibit BB guns and bows and arrows in the county since there has been a great incidence of blindness from these causes.

Cataracts, sties and pink-eye were all mentioned in Dr. Dodd's discussion. In fact, he impressed upon his audience the extreme contagion of pink-eye by stating it could spread through a whole school in 3 or 4 days "if you want it to!"

NCJW Plans Annual Dinner

The National Council of Jewish Women will hold their sixth annual dinner party on Saturday evening, January 17 at 8:30 p.m. This affair will be held at Solomon's Restaurant on Kennedy St. N.W. Interested persons may contact Mrs Ruth Newman at 2716 before Thursday evening.

At last Thursday's membership meeting held in the Center school, Mrs. Sonia Garin, chairman of the cerebral palsy committee, told the members present that additional drivers are urgently needed for children who must be transported every Monday and Friday to and from their special school in the district. Any woman in Greenbelt able to drive, or assist a driver either of these two days, please call Mrs. Garin at 2771 for further information.

Lions, Boys Clubbers Review Team Rosters

While both the Lions Co-op and the Greenbelt Boys Club Seniors are getting ready for the big game, their rooters are arguing the relative merits of each team. For those who do not know the personnel of the two teams, we are presenting a brief rundown on some of the outstanding players of each club.

The G.B.C Seniors are composed of the following: Forwards—Jerry Brittingham, John Huffman, and Billy Moore: centers—Don Schoeb and Roger Frady; guards—Bobby Dove, Lee Duter, Al Gerstel, and Billy Higgins.

Brittingham, Schoeb, and Gerstel are playing their last year of Boys Club ball. Huffman, Moore, Frady, Dove, and Duter played senior ball last year and will form the nucleus of next year's team with Billy Higgins, who comes to the Seniors from last year's championship Junior team. Any five of these fellows could form the Boys Club starting line-up.

Now, let's glance at the Lions Co-op roster: Forwards—Brittenbender, Morgan, White, Loftus and Donahue;; centers—Bobby Brittingham and Jim Williams; guards—Cookson, Neuman, Gilchrist, and Kovalchick.

Pete Cookson, Ed Morgan, and George Neumann have been playing "unlimited basketball for Greenbelt teams" for the past four years Cy Kovalchick, Jim Williams, Marty Loftus, and Art Bittenbender are in their second full year of unlimited basketball. Bobby Brittingham will be remembered for his outstanding performances with Greenbelt and Northwestern High Schools. White, Donahue, and Gilchrist are playing their first full years with the Lions Co-op team but all of these men have had experience with other unlimited teams.

You pay your money and you take your choice. Who do you think will win? Remember the date - January 27. The place - the Community gym.

Boy's Club Activities

By LEE

All basketball teams open their season this week. The schedule is not available at the present time, but it will be published as soon as possible.

Cubmaster Wanted

Pack 229 needs a Cubmaster and committeeman. Please call Sanford H. Cornett, at 6556 if interested.

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Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1953

IN BUSINESS OFFICE

Room 202 Above Drug Store

Our Neighbors

By Dorothy McGee, phone 8083

Have you ever tried to dial a Tower number from your phone? Well, please DON'T, and Helen Salzman, 56-B Ridge Road, will thank you, because her phone has been ringing constantly from calls mistakenly dialed to Tower 9. It is not possible to dial ANY number other than Greenbelt from our phones. The only change that has been made is that now people outside Greenbelt can dial us from THEIR phones, without asking the operator. But WE must ask the operator for all calls except Greenbelt numbers. And, of course, you get Greenbelt numbers merely by dialing the four main numbers. The GR-3 on your phone's nameplate doesn't mean a thing to use at this end (and personally, I think it was just put there to bedevil us poor females).

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bierwagen, formerly of 1-B Westway, moved several weeks ago to their own home at 2322 Cheverly Ave., Cheverly.

Reverend and Mrs. John Esaias and the choir members of the Branchville Methodist Church attended the beautiful recital of Handl's Messiah by the Community Church coir last Sunday evening. Afterwards they were the guests of Mrs. Hans Jorgensen, who is the organist at the Methodist church in Branchville.

Mrs. Ellen Linson had fine weather for her two-and-a-half days of driving from her parents' home in Kansas back to Greenbelt. She arrived late Monday night, and today resumed her duties as Director of Recreation for Prince George's County. We're happy to have her back.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Salzman had as overnight guests on Monday her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Landsman of New York City, who are motoring to Mexico.

Brownie troop No. 42 had two reasons for parties last Friday afternoon in the Center School. One, a fare-thee-well party for Frances Hensel whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hensel, are moving from 6-D Crescent to Landover Hills. Also, Gail Friedman, 1-B Woodland Way, had her 10th birthday last weekend.

On Sunday, January 11 Lila Shiren, 8-D Hillside, celebrated her tenth birthday with a party. And Monday the 12th was a memorable 11th birthday for Charles Callanan, 2-C Laurel Hill. While his birthday guests were arriving at his home, Charles was at Leland Memorial Hospital having the cast removed from his fractured wrist.

Last evening I donned my best bib and tucker and with friend husband attended the pre-opening reception of the uniquely Spanish restaurant, El Toro, at Connecticut Ave. and M Street. Attending by personal invitation only were members of the Latin-American embassies, members of all of the U. S. embassies that have anything to do with Spain or Latin America, newspaper columnists and friends of the owners of El Toro. The impressive decor recreates the atmosphere of old Spain. The wine list is equally impressive and the food delicious!

Recent house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cormack were Mrs. Adam Cormack and Miss Maribelle Cormack, Mr. Cormack's mother and sister.

Mrs. Adam Cormack comes from Buffalo, N. Y., where she has been a long-time resident. Miss Maribelle Cormack comes from Providence, R. I., where she is director of the Roger Williams Pack Museum of Natural Science. She is also an author of books for young people. Her current best-seller "Timber Jack" deals with life among the woodsmen in our deep forests, and the story will be portrayed on TV Hallmark Playhouse program sometime in January. Date to be announced later.

"We have moved from Greenbelt and our new address is 2401 Lewisdale drive, Hyattsville, Maryland We miss our Greenbelt friends and neighbors, but like our new home very much. No phone as yet. Jack and Hazel Huffman."

Here's an idea for you mothers who have trouble getting Junior to consume his dinner: Mrs. Doris Mednick, 8-M Plateau Place, made a wager with her son Herschel, aged 7, that he would win $1 if he consumed all his favorite foods at one sitting. The feast consisted of 2 hamburgers, 2 hot dogs, 2 chicken wings, french fried potatoes, a bowl of spaghetti, a glass of ginger ale and 2 glasses of water to slake his thirst. He won! What no dessert? Maybe next time, huh?

ATTENTION MOTHERS

Greenbelt Lutheran Kindergarten

Midsemester Enrollment — Morning and Afternoon Classes

Miss Audry Graunke, Teacher GR 3-3707

Dollars and Sense

By Morris J. Solomon

FREE GOVERNMENT SERVICES - - WHY?

All free or partly-free government services have at least one feature in common: What is accomplished by the service is favored by most people of the community. This is not enough in itself, however. Usually there are additional reasons. These can be summarized:

THE NEIGHBORHOOD EFFECT

There are some matters that are of direct concern to your neighbor which affect you as well. If your child's classmate gets a communicable disease the county sends a visiting nurse to check his recovery before he goes back to school — at no charge. Some communities provide free chest X-rays on the theory that a TB carrier is a menace to all. Recreation programs for youth (free for those participating) are often justified on the basis of everyone's stake in cutting down on juvenile delinquency.

COSTS LESS TO FURNISH FREE

Where charging for the service adds substantially to its costs, it is more economical to furnish service free to all comers. It costs a lot of money to post a man at each entrance to a large park to collect a small entrance fee from all who enter; sometimes it is extremely difficult to charge for service rendered.

LARGE FIXED COST

A facility with a large overhead cost with little extra cost to accommodate more people can often be justified as a free government service.

LONG TERM INTERESTS

There are services which are beneficial to the individual receiving them — in the long run. Along with the individual user, all people of the community may have a long-term stake in the services being used by all. If we left it to the individual to choose and pay for, some would use it and others would not. In the long run, the community would forego great benefits. An example of this type of service is education. The community as a whole has a tremendous long-term stake in education — which it cannot afford to leave to the circumstance or shortsightedness of the individual.

A GREENBELT PROBLEM?

What has been listed are principles. Each proposal for free or partly-free services has to be justified on its own merits. If there is a case, it will usually involve one or more of the above principles. Has this discussion any bearing on Greenbelt affairs? Well — figure it out. From now on when the city of Greenbelt provides a service it will mean money out of your pocket. Can you justify each service?

Distaff Bowlers Man The Alleys

News from the Thursday night Women's League reveals that there will be a meeting Sunday, January 18, at the bowling alley to discuss prize money and banquet.

Amateurs kept their first place lead by taking one game from the Dates while the Dingbats remain tied for 2nd with the A-bombs. Beale (Dingbats) had high set of the evening of 313.

Dates (Shaffer 299) 2, Amateurs (Motyka 287) 1, Dingbats (Beale 313) 2, Stumblers (Bennett 279) 1, A-Bombs (Leslie 271) 3, Stumble Bums (Cornett 274) 0, Bowlerettes (Dawson 309) 3, Service Station (Burgoon 279) 0, Wizards (King 272) 2, Fireballs (Reed 294) 1, Slowpoke (Diebel 253) 2, Five Jokers (Dobbins 280) 1, Suburban Trust (Jones 300) 3, Flying Five (Brickman 282) 0, Lone Stars (Coffman 281) 2, Bloomer Girls (Kasko 293) 1, Hopefuls (Derwent 282) 3, Wildcats (Berkofsky 268) 0.

Clinic

The regular immunization clinic is now being held at the office of Dr. Bloomberg at the Medical Center each Tuesday morning from 9-10 a.m., it was announced by city manager Charles McDonald this week.

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Captain's Comments

The gauntlet has been thrown down and the challenge accepted. The Greenbelt Lion-Co-op basketball team has accepted the challeng issued by the G.C.C, Seniors, and the game will be held in late January.

The co-captains of the teams issued the following statements concerning this game.

Jerry Brittingham - Senior co-captain: We expect to prove to the Lions Co-op team that the Senior team is the best basketball team in Greenbelt. The game should be close all the way, but the Boys Club team will win by 5 points.

Bobby Dove, Senior co-captain: "We're younger, we're faster, and we've been waiting for this chance to prove to the Lions that we can beat them in a regulation game.

Pete Cookson, co-captain Lions Co-op: "Youth isn't everything We're plenty fast ourselves, and with the experience that we have I feel sure that the Seniors will find that they have bitten off more than they can chew.

George Neuman, co-captain Lions Coop: "We have several new players who are just beginning to fit into our pattern of play. We're improving in every game we play. I hope the Seniors will be able to make a good game out of it.

There you are - it promises to be a bang-up affair, one you can't afford to miss. The date - January 27. Who do you think will win?

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